### TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



# CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 62 - HB 318

April 14, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Judicial Council to submit a plan to the General Assembly by January 1, 2010, to realign and reconstitute the existing 31 judicial districts based on population rather than a weighted caseload formula.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On March 27, 2009, we issued a fiscal note indicating an increase in state expenditures – not significant, and a more precise cost estimate is not possible because the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note. Based on additional information provided by the AOC and further review, the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

## (CORRECTED) Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000

### Assumptions:

- Under current law, the creation or reallocation of judicial positions is determined based on a weighted caseload formula created by the Comptroller of the Treasury.
- According to the AOC, a consultant capable of providing assistance with the drawing of maps would be necessary in order for the Judicial Council to realign the judicial districts. Recreating the existing judicial districts based on population is estimated to increase state expenditures approximately \$100,000.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director